

Remarks

This Response is responsive to the Office Action of August 23, 2005 provided to replace the withdrawn Office Action of May 3, 2005. The title has been amended and claims 66-73 have been cancelled leaving claims 54-65 and 74-86 pending in the application.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as the Examiner believes the application contains claims directed to distinct inventions and species.

The Examiner has initially requested that Applicant elect one of Invention I being directed to methods of removing organic materials (claims 54-65 and 74-86) and Invention II being directed to the method of making a capacitor (claims 66-73). Applicant hereby elects without traverse Invention I, claims 54-65 and 74-86 directed to methods of removing organic materials.

Upon election of the Invention above, the Examiner has requested that Applicant elect from the groups A and B as follows: A being directed to surface material (A-1, platinum; A-2, Iridium; A-3, ruthenium; A-4, tantalum; A-5, tantalum silicon nitride; A-6, tantalum nitride; A-7, titanium; A-8, ruthenium oxide; A-9, ruthenium silicide; or A-10, combination of the preceding, with combination being specific combination including order of layers); and B being directed to CMP removal steps (B-1, single CMP removal step; or B-2, two CMP removal steps).

Applicant hereby elects without traverse species: A-4 and B-1; directed to claims: 54-65 and 74-86. Claims 54-59, 61, 63-65, and 74-86 are believed to be generic to the species identified by the Examiner.

Applicant requests examination of the pending claims 54-65 and 74-86.

Respectfully submitted,

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